

THE PLACE OF REST.

Extracts from a Lecture by
Mrs. Annie Besant.

MIND THE CONNECTING THREAD.

Man an Immortal Being Clad in a Garb of Flesh and Vivified—Underlying Beliefs as Taught by Theosophists. Life Away from Hurry and Bustle.

The appended extracts are taken from a recent lecture by Mrs. Annie Besant, the well known theosophist leader, entitled "The Place of Peace," copied from "The Path" and published at the request of a lady resident of this city.

The rush, the turmoil, the hurry of modern life are in everybody's mouth as matter of complaint. "I have no time" is the commonest of excuses. Reviews serve for books; leading articles for political treatises; lectures for investigation. More and more the attention of men and women is fastened on the superficial things of life; small prizes of business success, petty crowns of social supremacy, momentary notoriety in the world of politics and of letters—for these things men and women toil, intrigue and strive. Their work must show immediate results, else it is regarded as failure; the winning post must always be in sight, to be passed by a swift brief effort with the roar of the applauding crowd hailing the winner. The solid reputation built up by years of strenuous work; the patient toil that labors for a lifetime in a field wherein the harvest can only ripen long after the sower has passed out of sight; the deliberate choice of a lofty ideal, too high to attract the average man, too great to be compassed in a lifetime; all these things are passed by with a shrug of good-natured contempt or a scowl of suspicion. The spirit of the age is summed up by the words of the caustic Chinese sage of yore: "He looks at an egg and expects to hear it crow." Nature is too slow for us, and we forget that what we gain in speed we lose in depth. But there are some in whose eyes this whirling dance of goats in the sunlight is not to be all and end of human life. Some in whose hearts a whisper sometimes sounds softly, saying that all the seeming clash and rush is but as the struggle of shadows thrown upon a screen; that social success, business triumph, public admiration, are but trivial things at best, bubbles floating down a streamlet, and unworthy the rivalries, the jealousies, the bitterness their chase engenders. Has life no secret that does not lie on the surface? no problem that is not solved in the stillness? no treasure that is not scattered on the highway? An answer may be found without straying beyond the experience of every man and woman, and that answer hides within it a suggestion of the deeper truth that underlies it. After a week or a month of hurried town life, of small excitements, of striving for the little triumphs of social life, of the eagerness of petty houses, the pain of petty disappointments, of the friction arising from the jarring of our selfish selves with other selves equally selfish; after this, if we go far away from this hum and bustle of life into silent mountain solitudes where are sounding only the natural harmonies that seem to blend with rather than to break the silence—the rushing of the water-falls swollen by last night's rain, the rustle of the leaves under the timid feet of the hare, the whisper of the stream to the water hen as she slips out of the reeds, the murmur of the eddy where it laps against the pebbles on the bank, the hum of the insects as they brush through the tangle of the grasses, the suck of the fish as they hang in the pool beneath the shade—there, where the mind sinks into a calm, soothed by the touch of nature far from man, what aspect have the follies, the exasperations, of the social world of work and play, seen through that atmosphere surcharged with peace? What does it matter if in some small strife we failed or we succeeded? What does it matter that the matter were slighted by one, praised by another? We regain perspective by our distance from the whirlpool, by our isolation from its tossing waters, and we see how small a part these outer things should play in the true life of man. So distance in time as well as distance in space gives balanced judgment on the goods and ills of life. We look back, after ten years has slipped away, at the trials, the joys, the hopes, the disappointments of the time that was, and we marvel why we spent so much of our life-energy on things so little worth. Even life's sharpest pains seem strangely unreal thus contemplated by a personality that has been greatly changed. Our whole life was bound up in the life of another, and all of worth that it held for us seemed to dwell in the one blood. We thought that our life was laid waste, our heart broken, when that one trust was betrayed. But as time went on the wound healed and new flowers sprang up along our pathway. till today we can look back without a quiver on an agony that then well-nigh shattered life. Or we broke with a friend for a better word; how foolish seem our anger and excitement, looking back over the ten years' gulf. Or we were madly delighted with a hardly won success; how trivial it looks, and how exaggerated our triumph, when we see it now in due proportion in the picture of our life; then it filled our sky, now it is but a point. But our philosophic calm, as we contemplate the victories and defeats of our past across the interval of space or time, suffers an ignominious breach when we return to our daily life and find it not. All the old trivialities, in new dresses, engross us;

old joys and sorrows, with new faces, seize us. "The tumultuous senses and organs hurry away by force the heart." And so once more we begin to wear our lives by petty cares, petty disputes, petty longings, petty disappointments. Must this be always so? Since we must live in the world and play our part in its drama of life, must we be at the mercy of all these passing objects? Or, though we must dwell among them in place and be surrounded with them in time, can we find the Place of Peace, as though we were far away? We can, and this is the truth that underlies the superficial answer we have already found. Man is an immortal being, clad in a garb of flesh, which is vivified and moved by desires and passions, and which he links to himself by a thread of his immortal nature. This thread is the mind, and this mind, unsubdued and inconstant, wanders out among the things of earth, is moved by the passions and desires, hopes and fears; longs to taste all cups of sense-delights; is dazzled and deafened by the radiance and tumult of its surroundings. And thus the mind is full of agitation, turbulent, strong and obstinate.

Field Day Changed.

A meeting of the H. A. A. C. was held in Y. M. C. A. hall last night for the purpose of considering the matter of field day. The regular date, December 17th, has been given to Charles David for the postponed New Year's races. The date of H. A. A. C. field day was set for Saturday, January 25th. Several new members were elected.

ZAMLOCH IS A WONDER.

Large and Critical Audience Mystified Last Night.

Cleverly Executed Tricks Performed by the Conjuror—Several Interesting Acts Shown.

Zamloch, the conjuror, bowed to a large and critical Honolulu audience in Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night. Most of the tricks have been done by other men of the profession, but it is doubtful if they were ever as cleverly done as by Zamloch.

While admitting that everything he did was by mere trickery, it was the object of each trick in the hall to learn just how they were done. The most mysterious of the twelve numbers on the program was the mystic bouquet, in which spirit rapping and the goblin drum were introduced. On an ordinary table was placed a wooden disc higher in the center than on the edge—this was placed in the aisle and within plain view of persons sitting near. Without any visible connections the disc rapped on the table at the call of the professor.

Then a drum suspended from uprights was placed in the aisle, nearer the stage, and was made to beat roll call, marches and knock in answer to questions regarding cards selected by persons in the audience from a pack which the professor held in his hand.

Another interesting act was one in which flags of all nations, wine, ribbons, cigars and matches were taken out of the same bottle. John M. Vivas acted as an assistant during this part of the performance. He remarked afterward that although he watched the bottle closely, he could not see where the things came from.

Part third of the program consisted of the Indian basket trick. In this, as in every other act performed by Zamloch, the audience was thoroughly mystified.

HARMONY LODGE.

Officers Installed Monday for the Ensuing Term.

At a meeting of Harmony Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., Monday evening, January 6th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: J. F. Scott, N. G.; C. T. Rodgers, V. G.; Geo. A. Turner, Secretary; J. A. Magoon, Treasurer; T. P. Severin, Ward; J. L. Dumas, Cond.; J. C. Lorenzen, R. S. N. G.; O. L. Sorrensen, L. S. N. G.; A. C. Silva, R. S. V. G.; G. Wallin, L. S. V. G.; F. Hammer, R. S. S.; Paul Smith, L. S. S.; C. F. Herrick, I. G.; W. O. Atwater, Chaplain.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by L. L. la Pierre, D. D. G. S., assisted by the following acting grand officers: E. C. Rowe, G. W.; J. J. Leeker, G. M.; F. P. McIntyre, G. S.; M. N. Kennedy, G. T. At the same meeting the following were elected trustees for the ensuing year, viz.: W. O. Atwater, J. C. Lorenzen, L. C. Ables.

Alexander Young Elected.

According to news brought by the Kinaiu the election on Hawaii last Monday for senator resulted in favor of Alexander Young by a majority of one. There were 255 votes cast. The official returns will not arrive for some days yet.

RACING AT THE PARK.

Spirited Contest Between Two Marine Colts Wednesday.

SALVATOR AN EASY WINNER.

Large Attendance Witness the Sport. Judah Developed Great Speed, but Could Not Keep Her Feet—\$500 a Side—Track in Splendid Condition.

The match race between Macfarlane's Salvator and Schuman's Judah for \$250 a side drew a large crowd to the Kapiolani Park track Wednesday afternoon; there was no admission fee charged.

The contest was set for 3 o'clock, but was not begun until nearly ten minutes past that hour. The track was in excellent condition, and considered fast by horsemen and visitors.

The two horses, both Hawaiian bred and of Marine pedigree, showed up well and were certainly in fair, if not in good condition.

J. J. Sullivan, W. M. Cunningham and Charles Berliner acted as judges, and performed the thankless task without fear or favor and to the satisfaction of all concerned, with the possible exception of giving the horses the word at the start. A toss gave Salvator the pole.

After scoring twice, the word was given. Salvator was two-and-a-half lengths behind and came to the wire in the air, and did not settle down until near the quarter pole. Judah took the pole and made a good-sized gap, but broke before reaching the quarter. The horse showed a burst of speed and overtook the mare, and was slightly ahead at the half. The mare settled down and passed the horse, though breaking at intervals. At the stretch it was evident the horse was not in it; though the mare behaved somewhat badly and broke before reaching the wire, she came in ahead by two lengths.

Clarence Macfarlane made a protest against the word being given while his horse was in a gallop, claiming that the animal was off its feet several lengths before coming to the wire. He asked that the heat be called off or declared a dead heat.

In declaring the mare winner of the heat, the judges believed the eight or nine breaks made by her, and losing by each, more than made up for the bad start. According to agreement, no official time was announced, but outsiders caught the heat at 2:50.

After a wait of twenty minutes the horses came to the scratch for the second heat. It took some time to get them off, but they finally got away after the fourth score. Judah showed considerable speed in coming to the wire, and it was evident the mare could not be controlled. A fair start was made, though the horse had a slight advantage. After leaving the wire the mare broke, but recovered quickly and took the lead, and when the quarter was reached a gap of more than three lengths was evident. From that time to the finish Judah constantly broke, while Salvator worked as steady as a clock, breaking after leaving the half for the first time during the race. At the half the horse was two lengths ahead, and continued to hold his advantage till the stretch was reached. The mare came round the curve at a terrific pace, and but for a break when nearing the wire might have won. The horse came in easily with about two lengths to spare. Unofficial time, 1:47.

The horses got away in the third and final heat without much trouble. Judah showed signs of unmanageableness and was very irritable. It was plain the mare was tired and out of sorts. When the word was given, the horse had a slight advantage in the start and trotted without a skip. The mare could not be controlled and ran the entire first quarter. By the time she settled down there was a wide gap to fill. After passing the half the horse was so far ahead it was evident the mare could not catch up, though she came into the stretch at a very lively gait. Coming down the stretch the mare broke several times and went to pieces, being at the shut out flag when Salvator came under the wire; unofficial time 2:51. Salvator was declared winner.

There were numerous wagers on the race. Experienced horsemen expressed the opinion that the mare had greater speed than the horse, and but for constant breaks would have easily defeated him.

COMPANY D'S ELECTION.

Sergeant Bergstrom Elected First Lieutenant—Speeches, Etc.

Every one that knew anything about the affairs of Company D were sure that there would be some fun at the election for first lieutenant last night, but in this they were very much disappointed. The election was one of the tamest and most uninteresting in the history of the company. Where the black horses had gone was a mystery. They did not so much as stick their heads in at the door.

Captain Camara, who had charge of the election in place of Captain Broome absent on Hawaii, announced as the business of the evening the election of a first lieutenant. Sergeant Bergstrom, Lieutenant Rowell and Sergeant Crozier were in turn nominated for the position. Sergeant Crozier resigned, leaving Sergeant Bergstrom and Lieutenant Rowell in the field.

The work was over in a very little while. Sergeant Bergstrom was elected first lieutenant by a vote of 26 to 9.

When called upon for a speech the newly-elected lieutenant expressed gratitude for the honor conferred. He promised to work diligently for the best interests of the company.

Company D then adjourned to the drill hall, where one of the Driggs-Schroeder rapid firing guns had been placed. Colonel McLean assembled the men around the piece and gave a clear explanation of its superiority over the Austrian gun, as well as a lucid demonstration of its make-up and action. The men were much interested in the gun, and made many inquiries after the Colonel had finished his explanations.

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